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Dear Jim, Personal Files - suit; efforts to obtain 8/25/77

Attached is Lil's today's letter to State with what she writes about, her long-overdue request and my long-overdue appeal on personal records.

In this long lapse of time there is the gradual accumulation of proofs of more than withholding- of the deliberateness of it - with all agencies involved.

Also with this will be my this morning's memo and an extra copy of an FBI record for your ~~use~~ use on the CIA's misuse of Secret classification to cover illegal domestic activity, which includes spying on my public appearances. However, that record also indicates the existence of records relating to me not provided by the CIA, as it does that this kind of illicit activity was under the paraoind Angleton.

I have a separate State request to which there has been no response. It is for the ~~xxxx~~ regulations in effect as of the time I was fired relating to payment of back pay and notification of rights, etc., under those kinds of conditions. I will not be surprised if they were required to notify me of my rights and I know that as of that time, although I did not ~~no~~ know it then, they were required to pay me for the time I was not paid. With accumulated interest a tidy sum.

I have a hunch about this whole thing: the spooks are hungup and the more human types aee unwilling to contend with the spooks. Who, after all, are spooks and can and do do what they did to me. For example, when you go through the FBI records, you'll find a memo in which the then spook-in-chief later Ambassador Puerifoy told the FBI that he personally was doing the firing-that very day.

If we were to believe this is possible then we have enough to make a direct approach to the State Office of General Counsel and lay it all on the line: do you want this nasty business reopened with State as a defendant or will you come up with everything, meaning everything in terms of what Griffin Bell said 5/5/77. If the same historical case standards apply as do to the FBI, then the 15 years have more than passed.

There is another question I raise. This was to have been "without prejudice." It was later used prejudicially to the White House and I suppose every Attorney General Hoover and his gang could reach, plus countless lawyers and who knows how many judges. All because State did not keep its word and adhere to regulations. There was no law I violated or was even suspected of violating. There was no hearing. And State did leak. The hurt from this has been great, we now have proof that it still continues, and they do not even provide the records and the regulations I've asked for under the Acts. Plus Lil's request.

I think from what you have said of her a meeting with Lynne Zusman on the overall subject, not just the FBI's and Department's non-compliances, might be helpful.

We are getting to the time when vacation travel will be less and it may be relatively certain I can get a seat on the bus, so I could come in after Labor Day on these kinds of things if you like the idea and can make appointments.

When there is time it would be good to know how much more I can expect from the FBI and when and whether any of the regular Department components are going to provide anything.

There seems to be ~~a~~ no doubt that with CIA it will mean sue. However, I think a phone call there would be worth the time and could lead to at least more compliance.

In general there will be a continuing reluctance to disclose but I think there will also be an unwillingness to have the withholdings get before a judge, especially because there never was any legitimate basis for any of the allegations. There never was any kind of proceeding. Maybe some judges won t care about this but there are those who may. In any event, on the withholding and non-compliance record the record is clear.

Best,